



West Tisbury

Better is always better.

Why a survey?

The Improving Governance Task Force (IGTF), recently created by the West Tisbury Select Board, with this letter launches a survey of the volunteers serving on Town Boards and Committees. This survey is intended to collect the current practices and challenges. This short survey is intended to highlight where you think the system is working well and where we can do better. Your input is essential.

What are committees supposed to do?

Our task is to, with your help, clarify what it is each committee is meant to do, and then to put that into writing in the form of a *Town of West Tisbury Governance Handbook*. A committee or board may have a “charge” from the Select Board that describes what it should do. Others have requirements and responsibilities defined by the Commonwealth, and some have Town bylaws, or even internal bylaws that guide and govern them.

You are part of a greater whole.

There are over 200 townspeople engaged in this governance, largely working as volunteers. We imagine that you have agreed to serve because you feel you have something to give to the town. The town needs your committee’s collective judgment to identify, debate and put forward important actions for consideration by the town’s legislative body---the voters at town meeting.

Please take this 5-minute survey.

Your time is valuable, and we hope you can spare a little of it to respond to the survey linked at the bottom of this email. It will help us by both giving a snapshot of your experience working on your committee and providing feedback on how it might be made better. The information will remain confidential.

You can open the survey by clicking [here](#),

Thanks

The IGTF.